

Anthony (Tony) Francesco Puccini
May 5, 1931 - August 13, 2021

Tony was born in Toronto to Archie and Jean Puccini and was the only son surrounded by his three loving sisters - Ada, Margaret, and Eleanor. He learned from his parents the true meaning of love and hard work. In 1939 his family moved to Burnett Avenue in Willowdale, Ontario.

Life was moving along for Tony. He trained in automotive mechanics at Ryerson Institute of Technology and had a keen interest in cars working for a few dealerships. In 1953 he met the love of his life on a blind date. Grace and Tony married on June 25, 1955. They were blessed with six children - Michael (Sue), Sharon, David (Renate), Elaine (Kevin), Lisa and Brenda (Dave), twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Tony worked for Imperial Oil for almost 30 years, opening and operating his first Tony's Esso station in 1957 in Richmond Hill and then one in Aurora. After that, he moved to his own building and continued in business for 10 more years before retiring from Puccini's Auto. He was well respected by his customers for being an honest and gracious businessman and he continued volunteering his services at the "shop" until his late 80's.

Tony had a personal relationship with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Whom he committed his life to in the early 1960's. He loved to share the gospel with others, graciously letting them know that only Christ can save you from your sins. Tony enjoyed fellowship with his church family at Toronto Free Presbyterian Church. He appreciated the ministry in the preaching of God's Word. One of his favourite passages was Psalm 23. Another favourite verse was "Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart all ye that hope in the LORD" Psalm 31:24.

Tony was a loving husband and father and a godly influence to his family and those who knew him. He was thankful to the Lord for a healthy and happy life. A serious rare heart condition would eventually take him home to Heaven. Thankfully he was able to remain at home in palliative care until his passing. His mind remained sharp until the end still offering us words of advice and encouragement.

He will be deeply missed but we are comforted to know that he is now rejoicing in Heaven in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ which is far better.

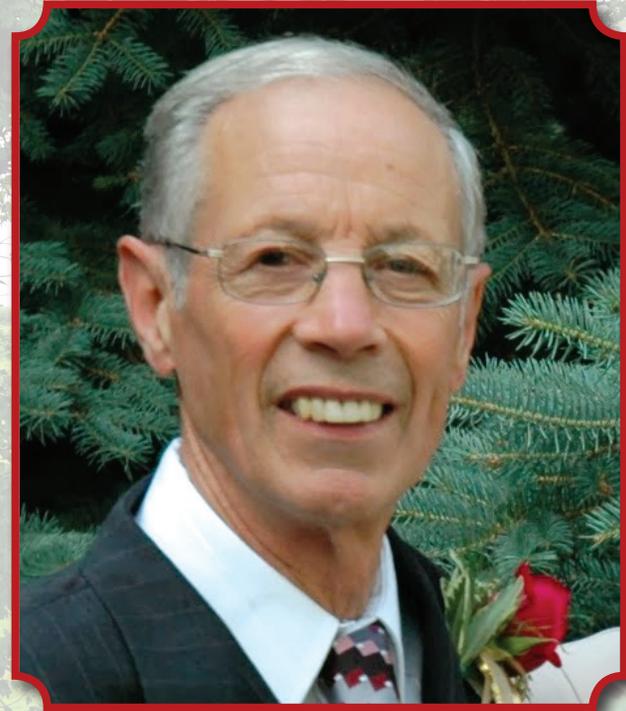
We are looking forward to the day where we will be reunited with him in glory.

"For to me to live is CHRIST, and to die is gain."

"Having a desire to depart and be with CHRIST which is far better."

Philippians 1:21 & 23

In Loving Memory
of
Anthony Francesco Puccini



May 5, 1931 - August 13, 2021

Toronto Free Presbyterian Church

August 18, 2021

Memorial Service for Anthony Puccini

Welcome

Hymn – How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer

Scripture - Psalm 23 - Luke Puccini

Tribute to my Husband - read by Brenda Rasmussen

Memories of Dad - Michael Puccini

Photo Tribute

Message – Pastor Larry Saunders

Closing Hymn - What a Day That Will Be

Special thanks to the pallbearers
Michael Puccini, Dave Puccini, Ben Puccini,
Luke Puccini, Dave Rasmussen & Dave Bull

Special thanks for the many prayers, visits, words of
encouragement and home cooked meals that were donated to us
and to the health care workers who kept Tony comfortable at home
during his final days.

Interred at:

Cedar Grove Mennonite Cemetery
7452 Reesor Road, Markham, Ontario

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

What a Day That Will Be

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come,
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye;
All is peace for evermore on that happy, golden shore –
What a day, glorious day, that will be!

Refrain:

What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,
And I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand and leads me through the promised land,
What a day, glorious day, that will be.

There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;
And for ever I will be with the One who died for me –
What a day, glorious day, that will be!